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Dear [REDACTED]

Recently I have had an opportunity to examine the finished product of your survey of the Lobito Route which you carried out at the request of the Department of State earlier this winter. It was excellent in every respect.

The survey, by virtue of its comprehensiveness and timeliness, proved to be invaluable to us in our planning connected with the Zambian rescue operation and the successful measures which this Government has been taking to mitigate the Republic of Zambia in cooperation with the Congolese, Tanzanians, British and Canadians. The comments on your survey already received from some of the scores of American and foreign officials who have been sent copies of your survey have been most gratifying and fully justify the hard work and long hours you devoted to it. Thanks to this authoritative document we now have for the first time a full appreciation of the capabilities as well as the limitations of railroad facilities in Central Africa.

May I by this letter thank you on behalf of the Department of State and commend you not only for undertaking this complex and exacting assignment but also for having fulfilled it in so superior a fashion.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,



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